

PERFORMING TEAM MEMBERS RULES AND GUIDELINES

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION LISTED BELOW VERY CAREFULLY AND UNDERSTAND THAT ALL OF THESE RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED. FAILURE TO FOLLOW AND ABIDE BY THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN NOT HAVING A SPOT ON OUR PERFORMING TEAMS. REMEMBER, BEING ON A TEAM IS A PRIVILEGE, HONOR, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, AN EXTREME RESPONSIBILITY!

***ATTENDANCE** - THIS IS OUR NUMBER ONE RULE WITH ANY OF OUR PERFORMING TEAMS. YOU MUST BE PRESENT FOR EVERY PRACTICE. THIS ALLOWS LESSONS TO BE TAUGHT TO CLASSES AS A WHOLE AND HELPS US AVOID WASTED CLASS TIME. ROUTINES CANNOT BE TAUGHT TO AN ENTIRE TEAM CORRECTLY IF EVEN ONE TEAM MEMBER IS ABSENT. THERE WILL ALSO BE EXTRA PRACTICES SCHEDULED FOR TEAM MEMBERS THAT ARE MANDATORY. YOU WILL BE INFORMED OF THESE PRACTICES IN ADEQUATE TIME TO HAVE YOUR CHILD AT PRACTICE. WHEN THREE ABSENCES OCCUR, YOU WILL NO LONGER HAVE A SPOT ON THE PERFORMING TEAM. (THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED AND KEPT UP WITH!) THIS RULE IS TO BENEFIT THE STUDENT, TEAM AND THE INSTRUCTORS. WE REALIZE CHILDREN GET SICK THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THEREFORE ANY ABSENCES DUE TO BEING SICK ARE CONSIDERED EXCUSED.

***FEES** - THE COST FOR BEING ON A PERFORMING TEAM IS \$100.00 PER YEAR. THIS FEE IS SIMPLY FOR BEING PART OF THE PERFORMING TEAMS AT STARS OF TOMORROW AND IS USED FOR VARIOUS THINGS THROUGHOUT THE COMPETITION SEASON. YOU WILL ALSO HAVE COMPETITION FEES, WHICH ARE PAID TO THE ORGANIZATION SPONSORING THE EVENT. THESE FEES WILL HAVE SET DUE DATES AND THEY MUST BE MET. IF YOUR FEES ARE NOT PAID ON TIME, YOUR CHILD WILL NOT COMPETE! PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MONEY DOES NOT GO TO THE STUDIO AND IT MUST BE PAID ON TIME. REMEMBER THAT ALL FEES AND SITUATIONS CONCERNING FEES MUST BE DISCUSSED WITH TAMMY (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)!! BEFORE OR AFTER YOUR CHILD'S CLASS IS USUALLY DURING SOMEONE ELSE'S CLASS! THE MOST IMPORTANT RULE REGARDING FEES IS MONTHLY FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE ANYTHING CAN BE APPLIED TO COMPETITION FEES AND ALL MUST BE PAID IN THE PROPER ORDER OF THEIR DUE DATES.

***PERFORMING TEAM MEMBER COMPETITION ACCOUNT** - EACH MEMBER WILL HAVE AN ACCOUNT SET UP WITH PERFORMING TEAM MEMBER FEE (\$100), COSTUME DEPOSIT (\$100 PER COSTUME), COMPETITION ENTRY FEES AND ANY WORKSHOPS THAT ARE REQUIRED TOTALED TOGETHER. PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE IN THREE INCREMENTS. THE FIRST BEING DUE ON **DECEMBER 6TH**, THE SECOND DUE ON **JANUARY 10TH** AND THE THIRD DUE ON **FEBRUARY 14TH** WITH ADDITIONAL BALANCES AND/OR ADJUSTMENTS INCLUDED. ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BEFORE 7:30PM ON DUE DATE.

LATE FEES OF \$2.00 PER DAY WILL APPLY ON ALL LATE PAYMENTS.

***ATTIRE -** IT IS NECESSARY THAT ALL PERFORMING TEAM MEMBERS WEAR DANCEWEAR AND PROPER SHOES TO EVERY CLASS. YOUR HAIR MUST BE TIED BACK OR PUT UP AND THIS MUST BE DONE BEFORE YOUR CLASS BEGINS. WE DO NOT HAVE TIME TO DO IT FOR YOU.

***S.O.T. GEAR -** EVERY PERFORMING TEAM MEMBER MUST OWN A NYLON JACKET. THESE ARE TO WEAR TO COMPETITION TO PROTECT YOUR COSTUME AND SHOW STUDIO SUPPORT AT ALL TIMES. S.O.T. GEAR OR STUDIO JACKET SHOULD BE WORN TO EVERY COMPETITION WHEN YOU ARE NOT ON STAGE PERFORMING. ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST WEAR STUDIO ATTIRE WHEN THEY ARE AT COMPETITION!!!!!!

***HAIR & MAKE-UP -** EACH TEAM MEMBER WILL BE INSTRUCTED ON HOW TO WEAR THEIR HAIR AND MAKE-UP FOR COMPETITION AND YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO KNOW HOW OR FIND OUT HOW TO DO THIS BEFORE COMPETITION BEGINS. WE WILL PROVIDE A HAIR AND MAKE-UP CLASS ON A SATURDAY AND EVERYONE WILL NEED TO BE PRESENT. THERE IS A \$10.00 FEE THIS YEAR AND IT IS ADDED TO YOUR COMPETITION ACCOUNT. THERE WILL BE CHANGES THIS YEAR AND ALL TEAM MEMBERS AND THEIR PARENTS MUST ATTEND THIS MEETING. WHEN YOU ARE ON A TEAM, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THAT TEAM TO MATCH EVERYTHING, INCLUDING HAIR AND MAKE-UP.

***SPECIAL EVENTS -** PERFORMING TEAM MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL SPECIAL EVENTS. THESE INCLUDE THE CLEVELAND COUNTY FAIR, CHRISTMAS PARADE, ANY FESTIVALS IN SHELBY, ETC. THIS IS ALSO NECESSARY BECAUSE YOU ARE THE STUDENTS THAT REPRESENT OUR STUDIO. YOU WILL KNOW OF ANY EXTRA EVENTS IN ADEQUATE TIME AND **MISSING ONE OF THESE EVENTS WILL COUNT AS AN ABSENCE, JUST THE SAME AS MISSING A CLASS.**

***TIME -** THERE IS DEFINITELY MORE TIME SPENT AT THE STUDIO WHEN YOU ARE ON A PERFORMING TEAM. YOU WILL NOT ONLY HAVE YOUR TEAM CLASS; YOU WILL HAVE YOUR TECHNIQUE CLASS. THESE CLASSES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MANDATORY FOR TEAM MEMBERS. YOU WILL ALSO BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND MANY EXTRA HOURS OF TEAM PRACTICES DURING THE COMPETITION SEASON.

***COSTUME -** YOU ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO ARRIVE AT THE COMPETITION IN YOUR FIRST COSTUME WITH YOUR JACKET ON OVER IT. THE DRESSING ROOMS ARE VERY SMALL AND THIS WILL CUT OUT A LOT OF CHANGING AND ALLOW US MORE TIME TO STRETCH AND GET READY FOR OUR PERFORMANCES.

***ARRIVING ON TIME -** YOU MUST ARRIVE AT YOUR SCHEDULED TIME FOR EVERY EVENT OR COMPETITION. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. IF THE CHILD IS NOT THERE OR NOT READY ON TIME, THE COMPETITION STILL GOES ON, WITH OR WITHOUT THAT PERFORMER. THERE IS A LOT OF TIME PUT INTO THE SCHEDULES THAT YOU RECEIVE BEFORE EACH COMPETITION TO ASSURE THAT YOU ARRIVE WHEN YOU NEED TO, SO PLEASE FOLLOW THE ARRIVAL TIMES THAT ARE LISTED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

***DRESSING ROOMS** - WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT COMPETITION YOU WILL NEED TO FIND THE DRESSING ROOM WE HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED OR PICKED FOR STARS OF TOMORROW. THIS WILL NOT BE HARD TO LOCATE. AFTER DROPPING THEM OFF WITH OUR STAFF (AT THEIR ARRIVAL TIME) YOU WILL NEED TO FIND A SEAT IN THE AUDITORIUM WITH THE OTHER STUDIO MEMBERS. YOUR CHILD WILL BE IN GOOD HANDS. PARENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE BACK-STAGE AREA OR THE STRETCHING AREA FOR ANY REASON. WE ARE SENT VERY STRICT RULES BY THE COMPETITION TO FOLLOW AND WHEN YOU CONTINUE TO GO BACK STAGE WITH YOUR CHILD OR TO GET YOUR CHILD IT ONLY MAKES THE STUDIO LOOK AS IF WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO FOLLOW THEIR RULES. THE ARRIVAL TIME THAT WILL BE LISTED ON YOUR COMPETITION HANDOUT IS THE TIME YOU SHOULD SEND YOUR CHILD TO US, COMPLETELY READY FOR STAGE.

***COMPETITION** - WE CANNOT ALWAYS PREVENT SOLO PERFORMERS OR GROUPS FROM BEING IN THE SAME AGE GROUP OR SAME CATEGORY. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WILL PROBABLY HAPPEN AND YOU NEED TO BE AWARE OF IT. THE STUDENTS ARE JUDGED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS AND ARE AWARDED THE SAME WAY. THEREFORE, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND THIS, AS WELL AS, HELP YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND IT. THIS IS SOMETHING WE CANNOT PREVENT OR WE WOULD.

***STUDIO SUPPORT** - PLEASE SIT TOGETHER AS A STUDIO TO HELP SUPPORT ALL THE GROUPS. YOU CAN USUALLY FIND MRS. DEBBIE. ALSO, PLEASE WEAR STUDIO ATTIRE. ANYTHING LIKE THIS HELPS THE CHILDREN VERY MUCH WHEN THEY ARE PERFORMING. STUDIO SUPPORT IS SOMETHING MOST OF YOU ARE VERY GOOD AT AND I APPRECIATE THAT. ALTHOUGH, WE CAN ALWAYS DO A LITTLE BETTER. PLEASE TRY!! I CAN ASSURE YOU IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THE CHILD'S PERFORMANCE AND THEY ALWAYS KNOW IF YOU ARE THERE. THESE THINGS MATTER, THEY HELP, AND THEY MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

***QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS** - IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION OR A CONCERN YOU SHOULD COME DIRECTLY TO ME. NOTHING CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY DISCUSSING ANY CONCERNS WITH OTHERS THROUGHOUT THE STUDIO. IF YOU MAKE ME AWARE OF A CONCERN, I MOST LIKELY CAN HELP YOU WITH IT. I CAN AT LEAST TRY - OTHER PARENTS CANNOT!

I am looking forward to our 28th year of competition. Our goal is for each student to have fun, perform their best, gain confidence, and most importantly, I want them to know that they are all winners in my eyes before the competition even begins!

Thank you for your support!!

Remember to always trust in God, set your goals high, and keep reaching for the stars!!

I love all of you very much!

Miss Tammy